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POLITICAL

MILITARY CEASE-FIRE HAS GIVEN REBELS TIME FOR POLITICAL
MANEUVERING. THEY HAVE MADE USE OF IT.

THEY SEIZED INITIATIVE BY SWEARING IN CAAMANO AS PRES.

THEY HAVE NOW FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH CIRCTEL TO 36 LA,

EUROPEAN AND OTHER NATIONS REQUESTING RECOGNITION. TEL INCLUDES

SUCH PATENT ABSURDITY AS CLAIM GROUP "HAS COMPLETE BACKING

OF DOMINICAN PEOPLE" (THEY DO NOT COME CLOSE) AND EVEN WILDER

CLAIM GROUP EXERCISES "CONTROL OVER NATIONAL TERRITORY"

(THEY HOLD RELATIVELY SMALL SECTOR OF DOWNTOWN SANTO DOMINGO).

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PAGE TWO RUESSD 1855 S E C R E T **SECRET**

UNFORTUNATELY, FINAL ACTION TO BROADEN SAN ISIDRO JUNTA IS STILL STALLED ON DESIRE OF CIVILIAN NOMINEES TO TAKE FURTHER SOUNDINGS BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES.

WHILE THAT SITUATION CONTINUES, REBELS RETAIN INITIATIVE.

⁰⁴⁵ES COM (EXCEPT MORRICE, OF PANAMA) DEPARTED FOR WASHDC APPROX

MIDNIGHT TO GIVE FIRST HAND REPORT TO MTG OF CONSULTATION.

SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE, COMM MET WITH COL BENOIT, PAPAL

NUNCIO AND AMB BENNETT. MTG WAS CALLED AT REQUEST OF SAN ISIDRO

JUNTA WHICH WANTED TO BRING TO ATTN OF COMM INFLAMMATORY

NATURE OF BROADCAST MADE BY REBELS OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO.

⁰⁴⁵ERLIER, COMM MET WITH LA AMBS, SEVERAL OF WHOM PRESENTED,

IN WRITING, VIEWS ON ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF CRISIS. SEC-

RETARIAT OFFICER DESCRIBED THESE AS "HELPFUL" FROM U.S.

STANDPOINT. GOVERNORS OF NORTHERN PROVINCES CALLED ON COMM

TO MAKE PLAIN THEY DO NOT "RECOGNIZE" CAAMANO GROUP AND TO

EXPRESS THEIR HOPE THAT COMM WOULD WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT

OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF RESPECTABLE, APOLITICAL

LEADERS. **SECRET**

COMM ALSO RCV'D GROUP CLAIMING REPRESENT MORE THAN 2,000

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AGE THREE RUESSD 185S S E C R E T

"PROFESSIONALS" WHICH LEFT MANIFESTO SUPPORTING BOSCH AND
CRITICIZING U.S. FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION. ANTI-BOSCH PRO-
FESSIONALS MAY BE HEARD FROM TODAY.

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EB WAS INFORMED DURING NIGHT FROM POLICE PALACE THAT TWO
REBEL OFFICERS WERE IN CUSTODY THERE, READY TO TALK TO PRESS.
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G ASSURANCE OF POLICE SPOKESMAN STATEMENT WOULD BE FAVORABLE,
INTERVIEW WITH PRESS REPS TENTATIVELY SET FOR 09:00 A.M.

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D CHANGE IN CASUALTIES OR OTHER ELEMENTS OF MILITARY SITUATION,
WITH EXCEPTION OF SCATTERED GUNFIRE DURING NIGHT.

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LIEF

AmB
EB AND SOLOMON MET WITH COM LAST EVE TO EXPLAIN RELIEF
PROGRAM WE CONDUCTING. COMM MEMBER COLOMBO POINTED OUT NEED
TO WORK OUT LANDING AND UNLOADING PROCEDURES FOR AIRCRAFT
FROM LA COUNTRIES BRINGING RELIEF SUPPLIES. THESE WILL BE
WORKED OUT THIS MORN.

AmB
EB TOOK OPPORTUNITY ^{DURING} ~~FEBING~~ DISCUSSION TO INFORM COMM RED
CROSS TRUCK WITH REBEL ARMS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED AND DETAINED
DURING DAY AS IT TRIED CROSS CORRIDOR

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